only an oral test in the shape of an interview conducted by the Public Services Commission with the assistance of one of the Judges of the High Court. There is no written test at present and there is no proposal at present to introduce such a test."

Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar :—" Since the *viva voce* test that is now being held may mean more stress upon personality and other extraneous considerations, may I suggest that to promote efficiency and to debar extraneous considerations getting in, the written test may be held as in the case of All-India Services like the I.P.S., I.A.S. and I.F.S.? "

The Hon. Sri C. Subramaniam :—" It is only the members of the Bar who compete for these posts. I do not think that any further written test will be welcomed by them."

Sri V. Gopala Gounder :—" Does this test apply to the recruitment of Sub-Magistrates? "

The Hon. Sri C. Subramaniam :—" I am answering the question relating to Munsifs and Subdivisional Magistrates."

Bridge for " Potten Kadavu Thodu "

* 741 *Q.*—Sri K. P. Gopalan : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government have decided to construct a bridge for " Potten Kadavu Thodu " in Koram amsam, Payyanur firka, North Malabar; and

(*b*) if so, when the construction work is likely to begin?

The Hon. Sri S. S. Ramasamy Padayachi :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) The question does not arise."

Sri K. P. Gopalan :—" Are the Government aware that people are put to so much difficulties for want of a bridge there. Will the Government be pleased to enquire into the matter and see that a bridge is constructed there? "

The Hon. Sri S. S. Ramasamy Padayachi :—" Yes, Sir, the suggestion will be forwarded to the district board for examination."

Grant from the Handloom Cess Fund for Malabar

* 742 *Q.*—Sri K. P. Gopalan : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state what are the present proposals before the Government to utilize the Handloom Cess Fund in the Malabar district for the benefit of handloom weavers?

The Hon. Sri M. Bhaktavatsalam :—" Existing Weavers' Co-operative Societies and new societies formed in the Malabar district are eligible for all forms of assistance